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SAFETY AUDITS IN OIL AND GAS INSTALLATIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether regular safety audits are conducted in the oil and gas installations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the general findings of such audits during the last three years; and

(d) the follow up actions taken by the concerned companies in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), a technical directorate under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, formulates and coordinates the implementation of a series of self regulatory measures aimed at enhancing the safety in the oil and gas industry in India. OISD conducts regular safety audits of oil & gas installations, both upstream and downstream, in the country.
During last three years, OISD has conducted following safety audits:

Sector	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Exploration & Production			
Onshore	40	51	58
Offshore	-	4	8
Refinery	12	11	6
Gas processing plants	7	8	3
LPG/ POL Installations	22	24	12
Cross country pipelines	1750 kms	1898 kms	1454 kms

The general findings of such audits in various oil & gas installations are as below:

1. Non adherence to operating procedures/ laid down norm.

2. Poor inspection and maintenance of facilities.

3. Deficiencies in fire fighting and protection system.

4. Inadequate training.

The recommendations of the safety audits are complied in a time bound manner. These recommendations are regularly reviewed by the concerned company. Further, OISD regularly follows up the compliance of the recommendations and reviews the same with senior officials of the concerned company.